

RONDA SHEGONEE BURWELL,  
Appellant

v.

ANADARKO AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Appellee

: Order Docketing and Dismissing  
: Appeal  
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: Docket No. IBIA 96-91-A  
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: August 30, 1996

On June 24, 1996, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a notice of appeal signed by Neoma Deming for Ronda Shegonee Burwell. The appeal seeks review of a May 17, 1996, decision issued by the Anadarko Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, concerning whether certain property owned by Burwell was held in trust status by the United States.

Because of the large gap between the date of the decision and the date on which Deming stated that Burwell had received the decision, the Board requested the Anadarko Area Office to provide it with a copy of the return receipt card for Burwell's copy of the decision. The Area Office submitted a copy of the envelope in which the decision was sent to Burwell. The envelope, which was addressed to Ronda M. Shegonee, was marked "Returned to Sender" by the U.S. Postal Service, with the notation "Deceased."

Because it appeared that Deming had filed this appeal on behalf of either Burwell or Burwell's estate, the Board gave Deming until July 31, 1996, to show that she had legal authority to act in behalf of Burwell and/ or her estate. The Board stated that the appeal could not go forward without such proof. No response has been received.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, this appeal from the Anadarko Area Director's May 17, 1996, decision is docketed and dismissed.

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Kathryn A. Lynn  
Chief Administrative Judge

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Anita Vogt  
Administrative Judge